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- 1. Manually portable equipment for wireless transmission and reception of data for verification of credit and/or checking information, said equipment comprising:
  - a) a wireless transceiver;
  - b) a data terminal including at least one of credit and check data entry means;
  - c) a rechargable DC battery external to both said transceiver and said data terminal;
  - d) wiring connecting said battery to both said transceiver and said terminal; said battery providing the sole source of operating power to said transceiver and said data terminal.
  - 2. The equipment of claim 1 wherein said transceiver is configured to communicate data via direct satellite link from essentially any location in the world.
  - 3. The equipment of claim 2 wherein said terminal communication credit card data to said transceiver and receives responding credit card data from said transceiver.
  - 4. The equipment of claim 2 including a check reader and associated check reader adapter for generating signals commensurate with indicia printed or encoded on a check and for applying said signals to said transceiver for transmission thereof as at least part of said data.

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- 5. The equipment of claim 2 and further including a simulated telephone line connecting ŀ 2 said terminal to said transceiver.
- 6. The equipment of claim 2 and further including a cordless telephone connected to said 1 2 terminal.

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